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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY SURVEY TEAM

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 1264; B) STATE 125831

1.CHARGE SHOULD APPROACH GSDR AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF
FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL RPT ORAL
COMMENTS ON SOMALI NOTE REGARDING U.S. SURVEY TEAM:

A. THE QUESTIONS IN THE SOMALI NOTE APPEAR TO REFLECT
SOME MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PROPOSED SURVEY
TEAM'S SCOPE. THE TEXT OF OUR NOTE STATES THAT THE TEAM
WILL "EXAMINE CAPABILITIES OF THE SOMALI ARMED FORCES."

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THIS MEANS THAT THE TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND
EXAMINE SOMALIA'S NEEDS AND CONCERNS IN THE DEFENSE
FIELD. HOWEVER, SINCE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY
TANKS, AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY,IT IS ONLY LOGICAL FOR
THE TEAM'S EMPHASIS TO BE ON ITEMS WHICH WE ARE IN A
POSITION TO SUPPLY, SUCH AS ANTI-TANK DEFENSE, COMMUNICA-
TIONS AND TRANSPORT.

B. IT IS CORRECT THAT, AS INDICATED IN THE SOMALI NOTE, THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT BE COMMITTED TO PROVIDE ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE

SURVEY OR TO MEET ANY SPECIFIC DEFICIENCIES WHICH MAY BE IDENTIFIED IN THE VARIOUS DEFENSE FIELDS. THIS IS A STANDARD FEATURE OF THE U.S. SURVEY PROCEDURE. DECISIONS ON WHAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CAN ONLY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE SURVEY, AND WE HAVE FOUND IT VERY IMPORTANT IN CONDUCTING SUCH SURVEYS FOR THIS POINT TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AT THE OUTSET IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR ANY IMPRESSIONS OF IMPLIED COMMITMENTS.

C. PRESUMING THAT THIS CLARIFIES OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEAM'S MISSION AS REFLECTED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, WE WOULD ENTERTAIN A PROPOSAL FROM THE SOMALI SIDE AS TO WHEN THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE TEAM FOR A VISIT OF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

2. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE ONLY: THE PURPOSE OF THIS APPROACH IS TO RESPOND TO THE SOMALI NOTE AND RETURN THE INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE SOMALIS WITHOUT GIVING IMPRESSION THAT U.S. SIDE IS EITHER PUSHING OR DRAGGING OUR FEET. IF AND WHEN YOU RECEIVE FURTHER RESPONSE FROM SOMALIS, YOU SHOULD UNDERTAKE ONLY TO
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